



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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TDD 401-222-4462

August 11, 2017

Rhode Island Airport Corporation
C/o Iftikhar Ahmad, President & CEO
2000 Post Road
Warwick, RI 02886

RE: Application No. 17-0154 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 150 feet east of Harris Road; approximately 1,000 feet south of the intersection of George Washington Highway (RI Route 116) and Harris Road; Assessor's Plat 48, Lot 44B, Smithfield, RI.

Dear Mr. Ahmad:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program ("Program") has completed its review of your **Request to Verify Delineated Edge of Wetlands**. This review included an inspection of the above referenced property ("subject property") as described by the site plans submitted with your application and received on June 26, 2017.

Based upon the Program's observations and review, it is our determination that freshwater wetlands are present on or are in close proximity to the subject property. These freshwater wetlands are regulated by this Department and include at least the following types:

- **Swamp**
- **Perimeter Wetland (that area of land within 50 feet of the edge of any bog, marsh, swamp, or pond)**
- **Forested Wetlands**
- **Intermittent Stream**
- **Riverbank (the area of land within 100 feet of the edge of any flowing body of water having a width of <10 feet during normal flow associated with the unnamed stream)**
- **Flood Plain (associated with the unnamed intermittent stream)**

The DEM has completed an inspection and review of the wetland edge delineated by you on site and requested for verification (i.e., flags A2 through A60). It is our determination that this wetland edge delineated on the subject site is accurate with the following corrections/modifications/comments:

- 1) relocate flag A10 to be within 20 feet of flag A52;
- 2) eliminate flags A11 through A16;
- 3) add a new flag 25 feet south of A49 and connect it to flag A49;
- 4) add a new flag 45 feet east of the new flag that is located 25 feet south of flag A49;
- 5) add a new flag 45 feet east of flag A51 and connect this new flag to the new flag that is located 45 feet of the new flag that is located 25 feet south of flag A49;
- 6) relocate flag A57 10 feet to the east;
- 7) relocate flag A58 20 feet to the east;
- 8) relocate flag A59 60 feet to the east; and
- 9) relocate flag A60 30 feet to the east.

Wetland edge flags A2 through A10 and A49 through A60, as modified above, demarcate the edge of a Swamp.



- 10) relocate flag A17 35 feet to the west and then connect to flag A48;
- 11) relocate flag A18 10 feet to the west; and
- 12) connect flag A19 to flag A46.

Wetland edge flags A17 through A19 and A46 through A48, as modified above, demarcate the edge of a Forested Wetland.

- 13) relocate flag A32 8 feet to the west;
- 14) relocate flag A33 15 feet to the west;
- 15) relocate flag A37 10 feet to the east;
- 16) eliminate flags A20 through A28, A38 through A40, and A42 through A45;
- 17) add a new flag 20 feet to the west of flag A30 and connect this new flag to A41 and connect to the new flag identified in no. 18 below;
- 18) add a new flag 15 feet to the west of flag A31 and connect this new flag to the new flag identified in no. 19 below;
- 19) add a new flag 15 feet to the west of flag A32 and connect this new flag to the new flag identified in no. 20 below;
- 20) add a new flag 35 feet to the west of flag A33 and connect this new flag to relocated flag A37; and
- 21) connect flag A29 to flag A41;

Wetland edge flags A29 through A37 and A41, as modified above, demarcate the edge of a Forested Wetland.

An intermittent stream is located within the swamp.

If you are in need of clarification for the above comments, please schedule a file review through the Office of Technical and Customer Assistance.

Please be advised that unauthorized activities have occurred within the 50 foot perimeter wetland adjacent to flags A2 through A6. Any additional unauthorized activities in the 50 foot perimeter wetland may result in enforcement action by this Department.

You should not infer that any verification of wetland edges carried out by this Program to date represents a determination that this is the extent of all wetlands on your property. This Program has verified only those edges marked by you on site and depicted on site plans submitted with your application and as qualified in this letter.

This Program did not undertake an inspection of other areas of this property to determine the presence of any additional freshwater wetlands.

This Program assumes that the edges of the freshwater wetlands, as flagged or marked on site, have been accurately surveyed and portrayed on site plans submitted in support of your application. This Program makes no guarantee or representation that such survey is accurate. Please note that flags A51 and A52 are incorrectly located on the site plans.

This letter does not constitute an approval or permit for any proposed project on the subject property. Pursuant to Section 2-1-21(a) of the Freshwater Wetlands Act and the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Freshwater Wetlands Act (Rules) a permit is required from this Program prior to the commencement of any activity which impacts or alters freshwater wetlands.

In accordance with Rule 8.03(H) of the Rules, this verification of the delineated edge of freshwater wetlands is valid for a limited period of four (4) years from the date of issue. In accordance with Rule 8.03(H) of the Rules, this verification of the delineated edge of freshwater wetlands is valid for a limited period of four (4) years from the date of issue.

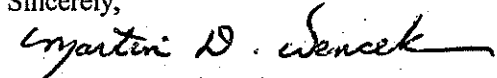
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You are hereby advised that on July 10, 2015, significant revisions to the RI Freshwater Wetlands Act (R.I.G.L. Section 2-1-18 *et. seq.*) were signed into law. These revisions modify, among other things, the "jurisdictional areas" recognized by the State of Rhode Island. The Department is currently in the process of amending the Rules. If you are contemplating a project on your property, and submit the application prior to the promulgation of the revised Rules, you can expect the wetlands jurisdictional areas to correspond as described in this verification letter.

Any application submitted after promulgation of the Rules will be expected to conform to the then existing and duly promulgated Rules. While these changes will not affect the location of flagged wetland edges as verified in this letter, they may affect how activities located in adjacent jurisdictional upland areas will be regulated. You are advised, in the meantime, to monitor the rulemaking process, which will include opportunities for public input and comment.

Also, please contact Daniel M. Kowal (401-222-4700, ext. 7416) of this Office should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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Office of Water Resources

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